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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

SCIENCE, IT'S WONDERFUL

The world stands in awe of the scientific mind these days. But it has taken a growing group of scientists to point out that there are still a lot of things they don't know much about.

One of these is the Van Allen belt, a circle of ionized particles around the earth several hundred miles in space.

The Atomic Energy Commission, which is a kind of military-scientific agency with propaganda functions, wants to explode a one megaton hydrogen bomb 500 miles above Johnson Island in the Pacific.

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BIG EXPERIMENT

Confronted with scientific doubts at a recent press conference, President Kennedy kissed the matter off with a statement that Van Allen, the discover of the belt, thinks the test is OK.

But others aren't so sure. Fred Hoyle, a famous British astronomer, is quoted as predicting that the explosion "will produce the greatest geomagnetic disturbances ever to be recorded—perhaps the greatest disturbance to have taken place over many millions of years."

It has been predicted that this disturbance may:

- Black out most or all radio and radar signals all over the world for at least 20 minutes.
- Produce a flash of color like the aurora borealis, visible as far away as California.

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'DANGEROUS PSYCHOSIS'

Another famous scientist, Sir Bernard Lovell, British physicist, has called this "one of the most clumsy and dangerous experiments ever devised."

Acting United Nations Secretary General U Thant, a politician and not a scientist, has called the tests "a manifestation of a very dangerous psychosis which is in evidence today."

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FAITH-SHAKING TIDBITS

Meanwhile, scientists are feeding us the usual reassuring statements about fallout levels. But the following faith-shaking tidbits have slipped out:

- State and federal fallout figures are usually just estimates. It takes about two months after the fallout has fallen for accurate readings to be obtained.
- There have been sudden sharp increases in Iodine 131 in some communities.
- Strontium 90 has risen more than 50 times in bones of Mendocino County deer in the last 10 years.

But don't worry. The scientists say this won't increase the number of two-headed babies very much. At least they don't think so.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

3 crafts reach tentative pacts in building tieup

High school principal tells job programs

Dr. Raymond G. Arveson, principal of Tennyson High School, Hayward, told Building Trades Council delegates Tuesday night that most high schools try to meet the needs of all pupils — not just the college-bound.

He said that pre-apprenticeship industrial arts courses range from elementary instruc-

MASONS STRIKE AT TUBE

BTC President Paul Jones reported that members of Cement Masons 594 left their jobs on the new Alameda Tube today, joining the strike of Laborers.

Jones also said the Laborers have reduced their demands from \$1.25 to 70 cents an hour in wages and fringe benefits. Yet the employers refuse to budge and accuse the union of not negotiating, he said.

tion in woodwork, mechanical drawing, metal work, electricity and auto mechanics to advanced projects in woodwork, welding, auto and diesel repair and other fields.

In answer to questions, Dr. Arveson said there is a unit on labor in a senior problems course which all students at Tennyson must take, as well as background on unions in a required U.S. history course.

Admitting weakness of some students in mathematics, Arveson told delegates about a new advanced general math course which includes specialized shop math problems.

Arveson encouraged union representatives to visit the school so students will have more contact with unions.

He was invited to the council following a suggestion several weeks ago by George White of Millmen's 550. Lee Williams of Hayward Carpenters 1622 has addressed classes at the school.

BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer John A. Davy reported that Building Trades Council agreements have been signed by: Anthony Enterprises, Inc.; Fischer Enterprises, Geenzar Decking Co., Lane Construction Co., W. W. (Billy) Lang, Massaro & Son, A. L. Neu, Poulson & Sons, Inc.; Risdon Builders, Inc., and Trinity Pool Finishing.

NEW DELEGATE

Vernon A. Haynes of Hayward Painters 1178 was seated as a new delegate.

Israel is an experiment unions should invest in, CLC informed

Israel is an "experiment in social democracy" in which labor, not capital, controls the destiny of the people, Rabbi William M. Stern of Temple Sinai told the Central Labor Council Monday night.

Rabbi Stern is Bonds for Israel chairman in this area.

He spoke as part of a campaign to urge unions to invest pension, strike and welfare funds in Israel bonds, which are redeemable with interest after 90 days.

Rabbi Stern said Bonds for Israel are being sold to make this bastion of democracy in the middle east economically independent.

He said he feels this effort deserves the interest and support of labor the world over.

Rabbi Stern said the list of U.S. investors already includes many unions.

Among unions, he said, are Cleaners and Dyers 3009 of Oakland. Rabbi Stern presented a bond certificate to Russell Crowell, business representative for Local 3009 and president of the Central Labor Council, as well as newly-elected international union president.

Crowell urged other unions to invite Rabbi Stern to speak at executive board or membership meetings to explain the Bonds for Israel program.

'Almost the same as Proposition 18 fight'

"As far as I'm concerned, the race between Nixon and Brown is almost the same as four years ago when we had the Proposition 18 fight on our hands."

This is how Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, summed up his thoughts about the coming election campaign in a report to delegates Monday night.

In addition to Nixon's anti-labor record, Ash declared, a Republican victory in the Legislature would almost certainly result in unfavorable laws, reversing the gains of working men and women during the last 3½ years.

Ash joined Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx in stressing the extreme importance of a massive voter registration drive by Alameda County unions between now and the Sept. 13 deadline.

OAKLAND TAX THREAT

Registration of voters who are union members will also be important in case the Oakland City Council goes ahead with a proposed payroll tax, Ash said.

Pointing out that such a tax would discriminate against wage earners and benefit property owners and investors, Ash predicted that its passage would automatically give top priority next Spring to defeat of any councilmen who voted for it.

These two political threats—Nixon and the Oakland payroll tax—make it all the more vital for union members to buy and sell a record number of tickets to this year's COPE Labor Day Picnic, Ash concluded.

INDUSTRIES TO BE QUIZZED

Assistant Secretary Arthur R.

Hellender reported on a meeting of the Oakland Industrial Development Commission, of which he is a member.

He said at his suggestion the commission is asking industry representatives for their reactions to the proposed payroll tax in a questionnaire being sent out.

COPE CONFERENCE

Assistant Secretary Groulx reported on a COPE area conference on registration in Los Angeles last week. Groulx and COPE President Ernest Perry attended and met with COPE National Director James L. McDevitt, Roy Reuther, COPE voter registration chief, and state COPE officials.

Contrary to popular impressions, Groulx said, the November election won't be any pushover.

He said every delegate, steward and full time officers of an AFLCIO union in Alameda County will be asked to become a deputy registrar of voters to sign up the 17-18 per cent of unionists not now registered.

Murphy Buick dispute

The power to issue strike sanction to Auto Salesmen's 1095 against Murphy Buick Co. of Oakland is being given to a committee of involved unions. The firm says it is not bound by a recent agreement between Local 1095 and the East Bay Motor Car Dealers Association.

Al Silva, Local 1095 secretary-treasurer, told the CLC Executive Committee that Murphy salesmen have received no raise since 1954.

Contractors won't budge on Laborers

Tentative settlements by three major crafts gave added hope this week to negotiators seeking to end the 7½ week Northern California construction strike-lockout.

Agreements, subject to votes of union members, were reached last Friday by the Carpenters and the Operating Engineers and Monday by the Painters.

Further negotiations were scheduled between contractors and the Laborers — still the only union on strike — this Thursday.

Talks are also being held between employers and the Cement Masons and Construction Teamsters.

Major stumbling block toward settlement of the work stoppage is the refusal of the three major contractors' associations to grant increases in wages and fringe benefits totalling 70 cents an hour over a three year period to the Laborers.

CARPENTERS, ENGINEERS

Though no official announcements were made by the unions, it was reported that the Carpenters will receive a 65 cent hourly package over the three year period and the Engineers about the same.

Engineers' wages vary considerably with each job, and some will receive bigger increases than others, it was reported.

The first of 10 district meetings of Operating Engineers 3 was held in Oakland Monday night. Members "overwhelmingly" ratified the settlement as recommended by the Negotiating Committee, according to Al Clem, the big local's business manager.

Meetings will extend through June 28, when Fresno area Engineers will meet on the proposal. The present Local 3 contract doesn't expire until June 30.

PRESIDENTIAL FORMULA

Clem said the settlement is **MORE on page 7**

ASH RETURNS

Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council, is back on the job after being ill for three weeks.

In his report to CLC delegates Monday night, Ash thanked all those who visited him and sent him cards and flowers while he was in Kaiser Hospital.

HOW TO BUY

JFK's consumer program???

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Consumers so far have gotten none of the protection sought by several congressmen and recommended by President Kennedy in his consumer message to Congress last March.

The box score so far shows no runs for the consumers, with:

- Senator Kefauver still on second base with his bill to reduce drug prices.

- Senator Douglas' truth-in-lending plan blocked on first, and

- Senator Hart still at bat while the grandstand watches to see what he actually does about deceptive packaging.

Nor has the Council of Economic Advisers yet set up the consumer advisory committee which the President last March announced would be appointed in two weeks.

Here is the inside information on what's happening about the price of medicines and truth-in-lending, and how your pocketbook is affected:

THE DRUG BILL: The Kefauver-Celler bill to reduce prices you pay for drugs and increase safety controls is foundering in the Senate but getting unexpected support in the House, including interest from Representatives McCulloch (R.-Ohio) and Rodino (D.-N.J.).

In the Senate Judiciary Committee, the team of Senators McClellan, Eastman and Ervin has succeeded in eliminating the provision to end the patent monopoly on drugs. This provision would have required manufacturers after three years to license other firms to produce patented drugs.

Now the major drug manufacturers usually license only each other, and they all charge the same price.

The reason behind the drug bill's difficulties is that Congress got a flood of letters protesting drug prices when the initial public hearings were held.

But now that the needed legislation is in the home stretch, there is little mail from the public, while the drug industry is generating a considerable protest against the bill.

Unions and consumer co-ops are strongly backing the section limiting patent monopoly. The AFLCIO told the recent House hearing that, while the other provisions of the bill are helpful, the patent reform is essen-

tial if drug prices are to be reduced.

But the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has helped to undercut the Kefauver-Celler bill by supporting a bill of its own which has no provisions to end the drug patent monopoly.

Here is just one example of how limiting the patent monopoly would reduce drug prices:

Recently, a large wholesaler, McKesson & Robbins, started manufacturing prescription drugs. Since the patent on prednisone, an arthritis medicine, is tied up in a legal argument, there is as yet no patent monopoly on it.

McKesson's basic cost for manufacturing prednisone not including distribution, overhead, or research, has turned out to be less than a penny a pill, Senator Kefauver reports. McKesson charges retail pharmacists 2.1 cents a pill, and the public can buy it for 3 cents.

In contrast, the major manufacturers charge druggists 17 cents a pill for prednisone, and the public pays 28 cents.

TRUTH-IN-LENDING: Retailers and lenders, except for credit unions, have fought this bill so hard that Senator Monroney (D.-Okla.) recently reassured the National Retail Furniture Association that it probably will not be enacted.

But he advised the retailers to "keep a watchful eye on it," since the Administration has endorsed it.

Senator Monroney is himself a former furniture merchant, reports Home Furnishings Daily.

The Douglas truth-in-lending bill would require merchants and lenders to tell the true annual interest rate they charge on installment purchases and loans, instead of "1½ per cent a month" (really 18 per cent a year) or "\$6 per \$100," (really about 12 per cent per annum).

The two Bennett brothers have been especially active in blocking this bill.

Senator Wallace Bennett (R.-Utah) has been the major spokesman against the bill.

His brother, Harold Bennett, is a department store president (the big Zion store in Salt Lake City) and also is executive committee chairman of the National Retail Merchants Association, a leading battler against the bill.

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Fair trade bill

A bill to permit manufacturers to set the retail price of their brand name products would boost prices "without compensating benefits for small business," the AFLCIO has charged.

Legislative Director Andrew J. Biemiller urged a Senate Commerce sub-committee to kill a so-called "quality stabilization" bill, which he said differed only in details from "fair trade" bills introduced in past years.—AFLCIO News.

Expenses: 63%

The Federal Association for Epilepsy, Inc., which operates the National Children's Rehabilitation Center at Leesburg, Va., spent \$783,247 to raise \$1,232,386 in 1960, according to the Better Business Bureau.

The association has been sending unordered seals with a request for donation to residents of this area, the bureau says.

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Kefauver drug measure crippled

Senator Estes Kefauver (D.-Tenn.) says the drug industry and its allies have "swung a haymaker and just about knocked" his drug regulation bill out of the ring.

Senator James O. Eastland (D.-Miss.), a principal foe of the bill to curb unsafe drugs, monopoly control of patents and misleading drug advertising, called the measure "socialism" and led attempts to water it down.

Eastland was joined by Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee in crippling the important legislation.

Earlier, Kefauver's bill received strong support when Dr. James D. Ebert, director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Embryology, said:

"Many of the staggering number of children now born each year with congenital defects might be spared lifetime misery, and the parents spared endless distress, if the unborn were protected against some of the new 'wonder drugs' taken by their mothers during pregnancy."

Dr. Ebert urged higher standards for drug testing, including effects against unborn babies.

U.S. studying cigarette curbs

Great Britain, Denmark and Italy have taken steps to protect their citizens from the dangers of cigarette smoking, notably lung cancer.

And the United State Public Health Service is launching a "comprehensive review" into the matter.

Whether action will be blocked by the cigarette and advertising industries remains to be seen.

But President Kennedy said at a recent press conference that the survey should be completed later this year or some time early in 1963. He declined to say whether he thinks smoking causes cancer.

Possible effects of the USPHS study might be curbs on tobacco ads or a requirement that cigarette packages carry a warning on potential health hazards.

Oakland reveals recreation plans

The Oakland Recreation Department plans a varied summer program at recreation centers and municipal and school playgrounds.

The program will include: sports, games, hikes, camp days, excursions, crew on Lake Merritt, dancing and rhythms, dramatics, swims, picnics and cook-outs, folk singing, puppetry, nature lore, hobbies, classes and such special events as carnivals, parades and contests.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

DISCOUNT stores are the big thing in retailing these days.

They seem to be revolutionizing buying and selling habits as department stores did in the early part of this century, and supermarkets in the '30's.

Of course, department stores and supermarkets will still be with us. But they may be changed somewhat by the trends introduced by the discount houses.

BY 1972, according to a recent article in the Retail Clerk Advocate, discount stores may account for one out of every four dollars spent for apparel, general merchandise and home goods.

In addition to the 1,500 discount stores currently in operation, there may be 3,000 new ones. This expansion may amount to 250 million added feet of floor space.

Another article in the Advocate points out that chains have entered the discount field and now account for about half of all discount outlets and \$2.9 billion out of a total \$4.25 billion in discount sales.

Among the chains are a number of supermarket outfits, including Lucky and others. At the same time, many discounters are entering the grocery business, often through leased concessions.

A Senate Monopoly Subcommittee is reported as wanting to investigate such matters as unfair competition, price discrimination, interlocking directories and mergers in the discount field.

ONE INTERESTING development in the rush of the Retail Clerks, Teamsters, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and other unions to organize new discount stores has been the charge that some are signing so-called "sweetheart" contracts.

This may be true in some areas. But it isn't true in Alameda County, where present discount stores are under contract with Retail and Specialty Store Employees 1265.

In fact, one of the Alameda County discounters, AGE, has filed a court action against Local 1265 claiming the union gave preferred treatment to a department store.

As an attorney for Local 1265 pointed out in the June 8 East Bay Labor Journal, this appears to be just a harrassing action, however.

(Incidentally, it also explains why you won't see me in the AGE store any more.)

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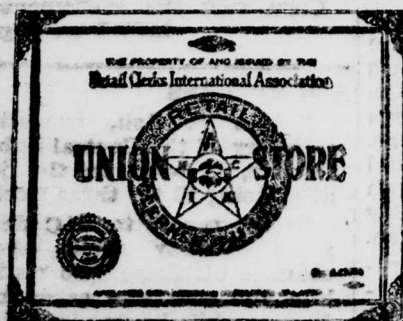
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Jones, Johnson Bostwick retained by Laborers 304

Top incumbent officers were re-elected by better than two to one margins in balloting by Construction and General Laborers 304 Friday and Saturday.

Paul L. Jones, incumbent secretary-treasurer, defeated Clarence L. Davis Jr., 710 to 334. Jones is also president of the Alameda County Building Trades Council and a vice-president of the California Labor Federation.

Jay Johnson, incumbent president and assistant business representative, outpolled David Melendrez, 684 to 322.

Howard (Whitey) Bostwick, incumbent business representative, won an election over Arthur Lee Jones, 667 to 298.

Lester A. Smith, incumbent recording secretary, defeated Leonard Ford, 551 to 264.

Ted Mendonca, incumbent vice-president, and Charlie Rogers, incumbent sergeant-at-arms, were re-elected without opposition.

Two incumbents and one other were elected to three auditors' posts: James White, incumbent, 686; Victor Staab, incumbent, 540, and Emmett P. Hughes, 577. Defeated were: Nat Stone, 135, and Wilford Nelson, 332.

Two members of the Executive Board were re-elected: Tony Schiano, 608, and C. C. Clark, 688. Defeated were: Jay C. Brown, 274; Claydon Adams, 163, and Hosey Bradshaw, 32.

Five incumbents were elected as delegates to the Northern California District Council of Laborers: Lee Lalor, 606; Jay Johnson, 633; Howard (Whitey) Bostwick, 610; Paul Jones, 639, and Tony Schiano, 578.

Defeated as delegates were: Leonard Ford, 270; David Melendrez, 284; Arthur Lee Jones, 249; Clarence L. Davis Jr., 334, and Emmett P. Hughes, 122.

Auto Workers idled

Members of Auto Workers 560 on auto assembly lines at the Ford Motor Co.'s Milpitas plant were laid off this week, along with those at 15 other assembly plants. The company blamed a strike at a Cleveland parts plant.

Brown calls special session; U.C., Alameda State jobs hit

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has called a special session of the State Legislature starting next Tuesday.

He will ask legislators to place a new bond issue for state university, college and junior college buildings, as well as prisons and mental hospitals, on the November ballot.

The governor and many other officials have expressed alarm over the crisis caused in the state's building program by the defeat of Proposition 3 in the June 5 primary election.

Proposition 3 would have provided for \$270,000,000 for these buildings. Eighty per cent would have gone for colleges, junior

colleges and expansion of the University of California to meet big enrollment increases.

U.C., ALAMEDA STATE JOBS

Meanwhile, U.C. Chancellor Edward Strong at Berkeley said much of the \$4 million 1962-63 building program will have to be junked or postponed because of Proposition 3's defeat.

Hardest hit, he said, will be planned physics, engineering and chemistry buildings.

At Alameda County State College, Executive Dean Dale Wren said defeat of Proposition 3 would seriously delay construction of the new campus, including music, speech and drama buildings.

Randolph: Negroes impatient at racial job, training barriers

A. Philip Randolph, Negro labor leader, said during a visit to Oakland last week that Negroes are becoming impatient at racial job barriers.

Randolph has been president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for many years. He is also an AFLCIO vice-president and founder of the Negro American Labor Council. He addressed the Eastbay chapter of the council in Oakland.

Negroes, he said, are bearing the brunt of current "hard core" unemployment because automation is wiping out unskilled and semi-skilled jobs.

At the same time, Randolph charged, Negroes are being discouraged from seeking education to qualify them for better jobs in some fields and are barred from apprentice training in some trades.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Randolph charged that Negro youngsters are discouraged from training for the skilled trades because of the persistence of all-white locals in some unions.

"We can no longer tolerate any union color ban," Randolph declared. "Training and skill are the keys to economic security and status in the community."

Randolph said the Negro American Labor Council has 25 chapters in 10 states, with a total membership of 10,000. It was formed, he said, to make job rights keep pace with civil rights gains.

One of his duties?

Central Labor Council delegates are kidding Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx.

It seems Groulx went over to Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash's place the other day to help curry "Roberta," the mule. Roberta was given as a prize at last year's Labor Day Picnic but never found a home — except Ash's.

Now everyone wants to know if currying the mule is one of Dick's duties.

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Two courses will be given, one during the morning sessions on "Industrial Relations in Public Employment" and the other afternoons on "Contemporary Issues in State Government."

Different experts will speak each day. They are scheduled to include: Assemblyman George E. Brown Jr. of Monterey Park. Paul Ward, legislative secretary to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown; Bernard Rosen, regional director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission and U.C. Professors.

Registration fee is \$20 for one course and \$30 for both. Courses are open for credit or auditing. Further information may be obtained from John Hutchinson of Berkeley Teachers 1078, coordinator of labor programs, U. C. Institute of Industrial Relations, TH 5-6000, Ext. 2571.

Tell 'em you saw it in the
East Bay Labor Journal.

Pensioners can collect for voter signups without facing deductions

Recipients of state old age pensions will be able to collect 10 cents a signature for registering voters and not have it deducted from their pensions, according to Carl Dittmar, president of the Alameda County Pension-Labor Democratic Clubs.

Dittmar told a meeting in the Labor Temple that he has been informed by state officials the state is classifying money obtained by deputy registrars as "casual income" for this purpose for the first time.

He also announced that the pension-labor Democratic clubs will kick off their general election campaign at a meeting at 6 p.m. at the True Food Cafeteria, 308 14th St. Legislative candidates are being invited to the June 29 meeting.

This is the first time members of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Day Democratic Club, which includes other counties, are taking part, Dittmar said.

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By DAVE ARCA

Our time has run out. In July, the newly elected 1304 officers will take office. Jack Giffin will again be your genial recording secretary. Yours truly will step back into the rank and file, and hope to assist 1304 by participating at our meetings.

Before we're through, we'd like to remind our friends that President Kennedy's efforts to aid the people are being hamstrung by coalitions of Republican, medical men, businessmen and southern racists, who trade off support for self-interest purposes. This points out the necessity for all of us to register and vote in the November elections. We must elect legislators who will aid the President in his fight for the people.

Management and business organizations will support legislators friendly to their own interests. If WE do not support legislators friendly to the people, who will? Management? Business firms? Don't make me laugh.

And while we're laughing, we again thank Joe Chaudet and Paul Williams of the East Bay Labor Journal for their kind patience above and beyond the call of duty. We admit our remarks sometimes needed the skillful editing of the sagacious Journal editors. God bless 'em. Well, it's been nice talking to you. We may squeeze in a couple more reports before the new regime.

ACCORDING to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly half of the American families whose head of the household is over 65 have less than \$200 in assets that can be converted into cash.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

by Sidney Margolius

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Painters Local No. 40

By BEN RASNICK

At this writing it looks as though the negotiators of our Bay Area Painters agreement have arrived at an understanding. I know you will be able to get all the information on the changes at your local union office. The negotiators for both labor and management deserve a lot of credit for what appears to me to be a sincere desire to protect the painting industry and provide fair wages and benefits for the working brothers.

Beginning with the July 13th meeting there will be awards at the local No. 40 Union Hall. Some of the awards are: toasters, coffee makers, transistor radios, etc. You have to be present to win, but it will be worth your while. There isn't enough space here to detail the entire plan; so if you are interested, attend our meeting June 22, 1962.

We are going to have a Christmas party this year, but there seems to be a divided opinion whether it should be a Santa Claus type party for the kids or a dinner dance for the members and their wives. In either case, reservations will have to be made as soon as possible; so won't you drop us a card and let the committee know your preference?

Just because we feel we have a terrific working agreement, let's not get too complacent. Remember, many of labor's gains can be wiped out by leg-

islation in Sacramento and Washington if the wrong people are elected this fall. Register and vote for those candidates who advocate a more abundant life for working people.

Barbers Credit Union

By SAB CARRABELLO

For many years now in our Barber profession, members of our local have gained slowly and surely in our move for better conditions and benefits in our union.

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We can show you that one of our finest benefits for you in our local is your Barbers' Credit Union. Come down and start your savings now. It costs only one dollar and one share (five dollars) to join, six dollars total. You will be glad you started.

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Take advantage of one of your better benefits in Local 134. This is to help you, the barber. Join today and save for the future.

Oakland building permits top \$7½ million in May

A total of 660 building permits for construction with an estimated value of \$7,520,642 were issued by the City of Oakland during May, 1962.

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By FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

We would like to report on the status of the building that the union recently purchased.

As most of you know, we bought the building at Telegraph Avenue and 23rd Street that was formerly known as the Jenny Lind Hall. We have engaged a builder and tentatively OK'd plans for the remodeling of the front lower floor and the union offices.

The necessary city inspections have slowed progress, and the building trades strike affects our plans by delaying the start of construction. Maybe we will make it in by early Fall.

Our members working at Western Corrugated should be alerted that we have been informed that the company pension plan has been changed again in order to try and match the benefits offered by the union pension plan. We are not surprised, because this has been the procedure since the first day we started negotiating for a pension benefit with the firm.

We still feel that the new company pension plan will only cost them about seven cents an hour if the members elect to take it, against the cost to the company of 9.3 cents per hour if the members elect to take the union plan.

This does not seem like much money, but it means a saving of nearly \$12,000 a year on the coastwise group. In 20 years, \$240,000 could be saved. Now do you know why the company wanted a contest for your vote. Our figures are only estimates, of course, because we have never received the actual cost to the company of their plan.

The vote will be held on June 29th, and we ask you to Vote Union.

Martime strike case

The U. S. Supreme Court refused Monday to halt resumption of the West Coast maritime strike following expiration of a Taft-Hartley Law "cooling off" period June 29.

The National Labor Relations Board is conducting a "last offer" election among the three unions involved.

New CLC affiliate

San Lorenzo Fire Fighters 1428 has been accepted as a new affiliate of the Central Labor Council.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held July 3 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

Due to a change in Local 40 by-laws, there will be one meeting only during the months of July, August, September and October. The meeting night during these four months will be on the second Friday of each month.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

GREETINGS

Tickets to the 25th anniversary dinner can now be purchased at the financial secretary's office, \$2 per couple, steak or chicken dinners served. The date: Saturday, July 30, 1962.

There will be no social refreshments served after the meeting of Friday, July 29, as it would conflict with the anniversary party.

There will be a special called meeting to ratify our new agreement in the very near future. All carpenters eligible to vote will be notified.

Nomination of delegates to attend the general convention at Washington, D.C., were held Friday, June 15. Four will be elected, the election to be held Saturday, July 14, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Remember the date. Come in and vote.

Best wishes.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Elections Thursday, June 21, 1962, for all elective offices of the East Bay Union of Machinists, Local 1304. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting will be held at the Machinists Hall, 3637 San Pablo Ave. Bring your dues book.

Regular meeting at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please come and vote. Then stay for the meeting.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Monday night, June 25, at 8 p.m. a special meeting has been called to hear the result of our Negotiating Committee's meetings with a like committee of our employers.

A vote will be taken to accept or reject the same. The special meeting is for this purpose only and will be held in the large hall of the Bartenders and Culinary Workers Building at 22525 Montgomery St., Hayward. This location is near the Western Pacific rails on lower B street.

Another double header Friday night, July 6. The special meeting of the double header is to nominate candidates to be elected at a later date for the following offices: one trustee, one delegate to District Council of Painters No. 16, one delegate to the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, and one member of the Executive Board.

Fraternally yours,
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The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business.
2. Continuation of discussion pertaining to negotiations.
3. For those who have not received their new union dues book, please pick it up immediately.
4. Your next regular scheduled holiday will be Independence Day July 4, 1962.

It is very important for you to attend this meeting as it concerns your future for the coming year.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.-Treas.

STEELWORKERS 1798

ELECTION NOTICE

An election for the offices of local union president, vice-president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, guide, board of trustees (3 members), Executive Board (5 members) and for the positions of grievance committee-men will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 1962, at 2315 Valdez St., Room 225, Oakland, Calif.

RAYMOND MALDONADO,
President
EDWARD SOTO,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY,
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., June 21, 1962, at the above address.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., June 27, 1962.

A special called meeting will be held Friday at 8 p.m., June 29, 1962, for the nomination and election of four delegates to the General Convention of Carpenters, which will be held in Washington, D.C., September 17, 1962; also to elect two delegates to the California Labor Federation, which will be held in Long Beach, Calif., August 20 to 24, 1962; also to elect two delegates to the California State Building Trades Convention which will be held in San Francisco, Calif., July 24 to 27, 1962. Please be in attendance and nominate and elect the delegates of your choice to these important conventions, Friday at 8 p.m., June 29, 1962.

Fraternally yours,
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Fraternally,
CHARLES LEHMAN,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

A special called meeting will be held on June 28:

1. To elect officers and delegates of the local for the next term.
2. To elect three delegates to the State BTC convention in San Francisco.

Business Agent Marvin Edwards should have a full report on how the negotiations are coming on our new agreement.

Picnic Day: Sunday, July 1, 1962. Place: Hidden Valley Ranch, Warm Springs, Calif. Members and friends of Local 127 are invited. Cards to follow with full information.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Blood Bank assessment No. 11 will be due and payable with July dues.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The general meetings have been suspended for June, July and August.

The Executive Board will meet on the regular meeting days.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

BARBERS 134

Special call meeting to be held Thursday, June 28, 1962, 8 p.m., at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Voting will take place on hours, prices and working agreement.

Also nomination and election for a recording secretary and a delegate to the Northern Council of Barbers and Beauticians.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

Brewery picketed in S.F. by Building Service 87

San Francisco Building Service Employees 87 posted pickets in front of the Regal Pale Brewery in that city June 12 to protest the firing of six watchmen.

Local 87 said the brewery's new owners, Maier Brewing Co. of Los Angeles, refused to negotiate a new contract. Unfair labor practice charges have been filed by the union with the National Labor Relations Board.

George Hardy, secretary of the State Council of Building Service Employees, has written unions asking their members as individual consumers to support Local 87 by not buying Regal Pale products during the dispute.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

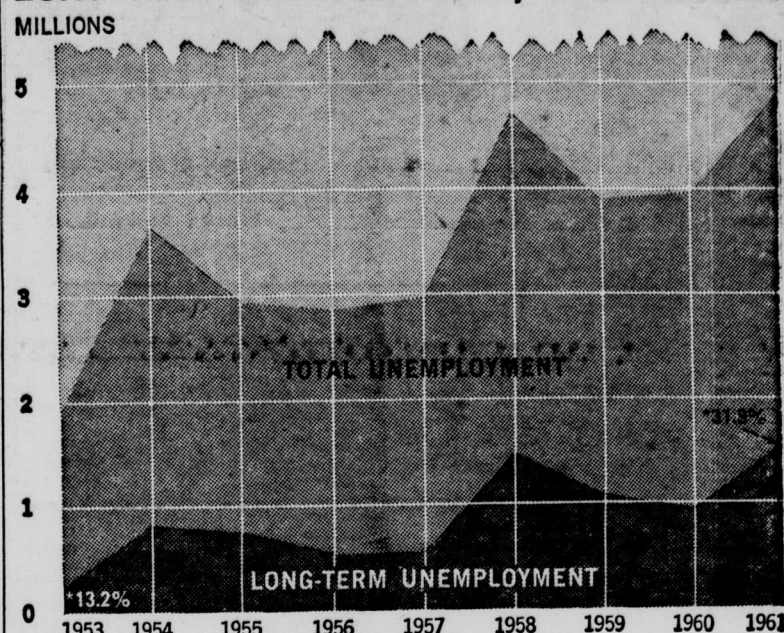
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Boeing profits hit 108 per cent on U.S. defense contracts

A Senate investigator testified that huge profits on government defense contracts have helped the Boeing Airplane Co. increase its net worth nearly five-fold during the past 11 years.

The witness, Thomas E. Nunnally, told the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that the company's net worth jumped from fifty-four million to almost two hundred sixty million dollars between 1950 and 1961.

During this period, Boeing earned profits on government business as high as 108.6 per cent a year on net worth.

Nunnally's testimony opened a new round of hearings in the subcommittee's continuing investigation of profit pyramiding in defense industries. The current hearings are focused on the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile, for which Boeing is the prime contractor.

The witness explained that Boeing has done nearly twelve billion dollars worth of business with the government since 1951.

He testified that profits, before taxes, on this business, have never dipped below 36 per cent a year and, in two of the years, topped 100 per cent. Nunnally's profit figures are measured against the company's net

worth, that is, stockholders' equity.

The investigator showed that, between 1951 and 1960, Boeing profits on government contracts averaged more than 75 per cent. After taxes, he explained, the profit margin averaged nearly 36 per cent a year.

On combined government and commercial business, he added, Boeing profits averaged more than 19 per cent a year, after taxes. He pointed out that average yearly profits for all manufacturing industries in the U.S. is less than 11 per cent, roughly half Boeing's take.

Nunnally emphasized that "there is no dispute to my knowledge" as to the accuracy of these figures. He explained that he had worked them out from the company's own books.

Testifying specifically on Bomarc contracts, Nunnally detailed the costs and profits passed on to Boeing by various subcontractors. He showed that subcontractor profits totalled \$36,800,000, but that Boeing added \$41,600,000 in profits of its own on work performed by the subcontractors.

In one case, Boeing took a profit on sub-contractors' work that was more than twice what the subcontractors who did the work earned.—The Machinist.

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

With the passing last week of Joseph Granat, who outlived his brother Leo by some years, I cannot help but make a few remarks about Granat Brothers and the effect the firm has had upon the jewelry industry.

A good many years ago another San Francisco company, was known as a manufacturing jeweler throughout the country. Following the decline of the other company as a manufacturing jeweler, Granat Brothers became the firm well known throughout the country for their manufacture of precious jewelry.

Just as a number of mechanics from the other company years ago went into business for themselves in this area, a great many of our present mechanics can credit Granat Brothers with starting them in the jewelry business.

Granat Brothers became the largest manufacturing retail jeweler in the country and mechanics came to them not only from all parts of America but even from some foreign countries.

My personal experience and acquaintance with both Joseph and Leo Granat date back more than a quarter of a century and, personally, I feel that these two men had more to do with raising the standards of the mechanics in the jewelry industry in this country than anyone else. This includes both manufacturing and watch repair mechanics and even retail jewelry store employees. I can say this with some authority because it has been my privilege to represent

labor unions on the East Coast before coming to the city of San Francisco.

Everyone in the industry pointed towards the wage paid by Granat Brothers, and the Granat Brothers' agreement was used as a bargaining position by local unions affiliated with the International Jewelry Workers Union all over the country.

With the passing of Mr. Joseph Granat an era of jewelry manufacturing has ceased in the city of San Francisco that I don't think will ever be equalled in the future. However, I believe that Granat Brothers as a retail establishment will grow and prosper and more stores under the name of Granat Brothers will be opened throughout Northern California.

On behalf of the members of the Watchmakers Union and myself personally, I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the members of the Granat family.

Executive Board meeting: Thursday, June 28, 1962, 7 p.m., Union Office, 693 Mission St., Room 707, San Francisco.

Regular San Francisco - East Bay meeting: Thursday, June 28, 1962, 7:30 p.m., Union Assembly Hall, Room 708, 693 Mission St., San Francisco.

Americans at Work

"Americans at Work," the AFLCIO television film series showing members of various unions on their jobs, is currently being shown on two Bay Area stations.

According to the AFLCIO, program times are KQED (Channel 9) at 11 p.m. Tuesdays and KNTV (Channel 11) Saturdays and Thursdays at 10:15 p.m.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

Education is the secret of improvement, and improvement in the knowledge of your adopted trade leads to steady employment.

I will be having, within the next few weeks, meetings with the officials of Oakland City College, Laney Campus. The object will be to establish two new classes for members of our local. They will be (1) a class for the instruction of air conditioning, controls, balancing and code and (2) a class in hell-arc and related material.

If you are interested in either one of these classes, please call the Sheet Metal Union's office, TWinoaks 3-3010, and request that your name be placed under the class you are interested in.

Other classes that are already established are a plastic class and a journeyman brush up class, but each of these classes could be lost to us unless we maintain an enrollment in them.

Registrations will be taken the last days of August and the first few days of September. We will remind you again of this in the month of August.

Recently the matter of industrial accidents and illness has been brought to my attention. May I suggest to any of our members that in the future should something of this sort happen to you, please get in touch with me so that we will be able to help you get a maximum of attention and benefits.

Tri-State Council Death Assessment No. 479 is now due and payable.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

The rest of the building trades seem to be reaching a conclusion of their negotiations. We hope so because that should help speed ours, one or the other.

Precisionware of Florida is now bidding school work in California. They bid a job in Santa Rosa last week. The campaign to meet this challenge will have to be stepped up.

The arbitration of the vacation pay dispute at National Homes last week took 13 hours. Now we wait for the decision, which may take a few weeks.

It happens too often that a member out of work for a short time fails to have a health and welfare payment made for him, and he doesn't avail himself of the right to make the half-payment on his own. The result is members sometimes apply for benefits only to find they are not eligible.

It is impossible to have someone remind the member when he is about to lose his eligibility. To protect yourself, check your eligibility when you are laid off, and find out how to continue payments on your own.

The membership meeting on June 15 approved the following resolution:

"Special agreement covering Local 550 members in a special section of the industry and not negotiated concurrently with the Mill-Cabinet agreements, shall be drafted, negotiated and ap-

proved in special meetings of Local 550 members currently employed in that special section of the industry. If the Executive Board questions a matter of principle involved in any special agreement, the agreement shall not be signed by Local 550 until the matter is approved by Local 550."

This resolution formalizes the procedure we have been using for years.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The Conference Board has come up with a little something in the pot that will, no doubt, be sent out from the District Council on Wednesday, the 20th, to all the locals for a referendum of our membership.

As one new member of the board, I can only say that, thanks to the old heads on both sides of the table, we have a package worth buying.

It contains many items other than money to our benefit: improvements as comprehensive as any in all the years our master contract has been in effect.

These changes will be explained in detail at meetings called for that purpose.

Painters Local No. 127

By SAM CAPONIO

A special meeting will be called June 25, 1962, to vote on our new contract. You will receive a card in the mail on the exact time and date. Make every effort to attend, and you will know what to do on July 1, 1962.

Thursday, June 28, 1962, is also a special meeting. Members will vote on local by-law changes and officers for the next two years. Refreshments will be served.

The Picnic Committee is making final preparations for your picnic July 1, 1962, at Hidden Valley Park. Members will receive cards in the mail with directions to the park. Bring the card with you as it will be used for the awards. This picnic is for the members of Local 127 and their friends, and we know a good time will be had by all.

We are going to put the finishing touches on the Oakland Boys Club, 86th Avenue and East 14th Street, this Saturday, June 23, 1962. We have the back side and part of the west side to finish. We had about 18 men show for our last session, and we thank them sincerely. We hope we can duplicate the effort this Saturday.

Welfare note: When your doctor gives you a prescription that is renewable, have him state that fact on his bill. When you have the prescription renewed, you can send the bill direct to our office.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

DEADLINE

Deadline for union meeting notices and columns is noon on Monday of the week of publication.

Cohelan plans bias probe at federal installations here

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-Berkeley) is launching a complete investigation of racial discrimination at federal installations in the Seventh Congressional District.

Cohelan told KDIA staff interviewer Louis Freeman, during a recent program that cases he has looked into have convinced him that "a definite pattern" of discrimination exists at certain federal installations here.

The full probe will be carried out through the U.S. Civil Service Commission and the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, Cohelan said.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Congressman Cohelan, in response to questions by Freeman, also outlined his record on civil rights since becoming a member of Congress in 1958.

He pointed out that he:

- Joined Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York in introducing six major civil rights bills: elimination of poll taxes and literacy tests in federal elections; complete desegregation of public schools with first step compliance by 1963; giving the attorney general the right to file suits on behalf of those unable to seek legal protection themselves; establishment of a permanent civil rights commission, and a federal FEPC.

- Served as a floor and committee spokesman for the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

- Testified before two committees in support of his six bills.

- Joined the floor fight to extend the Civil Rights Commission's life for another two years, when it became apparent that his bill to make the commission permanent would not be enacted.

Write your congressman on Trade Expansion Act

The AFLCIO is asking unionists write their congressmen in support of the proposed Trade Expansion Act, H.R. 11970.

In a letter received by the Central Labor Council, Andrew J. Biemiller, director of the AFLCIO Department of Legislation, urged that letters stress the importance of keeping trade readjustment allowances for workers in the bill to compensate those thrown out of work by tariff adjustments.

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Plans move ahead to put rapid transit on November ballot

Plans to put a \$792 million Bay Area Rapid Transit District bond issue on the November ballot are moving ahead.

The district has submitted the three county, 75 mile system to the boards of supervisors of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties.

All three boards must hold public hearings and approve the plans before the measure can go to the voters.

HEARING JULY 17: DUNN

The Alameda County hearing is scheduled for July 17, according to Supervisor Francis Dunn.

The plans have been revised to eliminate lines to San Mateo and Marin counties, both of which have withdrawn from the system.

However, the new system is designed so that future lines can be built to these and other areas.

Plans call for subway, aerial and surface tracks. A trans-bay tube would carry passengers between downtown Oakland and downtown San Francisco in only eight minutes. Other lines would extend to Richmond, Concord and Fremont.

During 8½ years of construction, jobs would be provided for many thousands, as well as those who would be permanently employed in the system's operation.

Although no specific vote has been taken on the present proposal, the Alameda County labor movement is on record as favoring a rapid transit system for the Bay Area.

9th C.D. recount plans are reported

Fremont Mayor John Stevenson will ask a recount of votes in the Ninth Congressional District Democratic primary, according to the Morning News of San Leandro.

The paper on June 15 quoted Joe Klaas of Hayward, Stevenson's campaign manager, as saying the recount will be asked. It added:

"Though unofficial returns placed the Edwards vote at 18,110 and gave Stevenson 17,495 votes, Klaas said last night the tally has refined itself to leave only a 608 vote margin between the winner and the loser.

"Klaas added: 'We have reason to believe we can pick up enough votes to beat Edwards—pick them up by the way of the Republican write-in vote.'"

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The AFLCIO has issued three new publications on world trade:

• "Why More Trade," a pamphlet presenting five basic reasons why the U. S. must increase foreign trade.

• "An Analysis of the Kennedy Trade Program," which lists the wide areas of agreement between the positions of the AFLCIO and the President, and

• "The Common Market and the United States," a four page reprint of an article from the February, 1962, AFLCIO American Federationist.

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CLC turnout light

The light turnout at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting prompted Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash to suggest that he send letters to all delegates, stressing the importance of regular attendance.

The suggestion was approved as part of Ash's report to the council.

3 crafts ink tentative pacts

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"in line with the presidential formula, taking into account technological changes and increased productivity."

The pact also provides for adjustment of "certain inequities and fringe benefits," Clem said, and takes into account advancements in the industry due to better machinery and contributions by Local 3's apprenticeship and safety programs.

C. R. Bartolini, executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, was in other negotiations Tuesday and unavailable for comment. But it was understood that meetings will be held soon by locals to vote on the tentative agreement.

Another agreement similar in major respects, was reached last Saturday by contractors and Carpenters in 42 Northern California counties outside the Bay Area.

Suit filed to block Acorn redevelopment project

Thirteen West Oakland residents filed suit in federal court June 15 to block the Oakland Redevelopment Agency's \$35 million Project Acorn.

They said the agency plans to "destroy" a predominantly residential area "in order to resell 75 per cent of it for industrial construction." This, the suit alleges, violates the intention of the Federal Slum Clearance Act.

Claiming that "a few industrialists" will benefit, the 13 charged it will be difficult to relocate them on an integrated basis within the City of Oakland.



MASS MEETING of striking local government workers in Nairobi, Kenya, is addressed by Edward Welsh, East Africa representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Welsh, a former AFLCIO organizer, reported on progress toward a settlement. He was asked to help by Tom Mboya, general secretary of the Kenya Federation of Labor. An arbitration agreement ended the walkout. (Photo furnished to AFLCIO News by East African Newspapers Ltd.)

fornia counties outside the Bay Area.

PAINTERS AGREEMENT

Although the agreement between three Bay Area Painters' district councils and chapters of the Painting and Decorating Contractors' Association was not directly involved in the strike, it is expected to have some effect on other negotiations.

Wiley H. Mountjoy, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 16, said the tentative pact provides for raises in wages and fringe benefits totalling 75 cents in three years—25 cents an hour each year.

He said members will vote on the agreement at special called local union meetings Monday.

Brown says he'll name committee to probe effect of automation in Calif.

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown said this week he will establish a 24 member Governor's Committee on Automation and Technological Developments.

The committee, to include at least five labor representatives, will study the effect of automation on employment.

Last November, Brown pointed out, a two day state automation conference urged such a group. And a bill to create one passed both houses of the Legislature but was killed by a minor last minute amendment.

"I am confident that the Legislature wanted to establish a commission," Brown said.

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Record employment, but joblessness rises, too

Employment in the Bay Area hit a record May total despite work stoppages in construction and other industries.

Unemployment was down substantially from a year ago but was higher than in April.

The May unemployment count, at 60,200, or 4.9 per cent of the labor force, was substantially below that of May, 1961, when 72,200, or 5.9 per cent of the labor force, had been jobless, Irving H. Perluss, director of the Department of Employment, reported.

The May figure was slightly above that of April, when 59,200 or 4.8 per cent of the labor or 4.8% were jobless.

IUD protests funds for San Luis project without 160 acre requirement

The AFLCIO Industrial Union Department has called for application of the 160 acre limitation on all farms served by the San Luis project — including those in the so-called state service area.

IUD Administrator Director Jacob Clayman wrote House and Senate appropriations committees that vested interests are trying "to convert the reclamation program into a system for subsidizing factories in the field."

Clayman protested appropriations to start the San Luis project without the 160 acre limitation.

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Oakland schools prodded on racial segregation

The issue of racial segregation in California schools—including Oakland's—is far from dead.

The State Board of Education formally called upon local boards of education to do something about it a few days ago. The board admitted real estate segregation is partly to blame but indicated this is no reason for the schools to ignore the problem.

In Oakland, the Board of Education, under prodding from the Oakland Council of Churches and the YWCA, agreed to consider appointment of a citizens' committee on the subject.

This was, in effect, a reversal of the board's earlier refusal to admit there was even a problem. Berkeley adopted the citizens' committee approach without prodding.

Of course, a citizens' committee isn't a cure-all. But it could be a step in the right direction.

Meanwhile, the State Fair Employment Practices Commission has promised a "thorough and objective" investigation into the hiring practices of the Oakland Unified School District, supervised by C. L. Dellums, an FEP commissioner and vice-president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The FEPC will look into whether Oakland schools discriminate in hiring teachers and other employees, whether Negro teachers and employees are concentrated in schools in Negro districts, and whether promotional and transfer policies and working conditions are fair to all races.

Dellums said the FEPC has received complaints from more than 20 persons.

The school board tried to cover up the fact that the investigation was planned. When it was brought up by Dr. Robert Nolan, the only present board member endorsed by COPE, Chairman Barney Hilburn tried to keep the FEPC letter from being read.

In the process, an incorrect statement by Berg that there had been only five—instead of 20—complaints somehow or other got put into the mouth of Donald K. Henry, FEPC area supervisor and former Teachers' Union official, by two daily papers.

Berg and Hilburn claimed they were keeping the matter secret out of deference to the FEPC, which doesn't disclose names of individuals and firms in cases under investigation.

But, to us, everybody except Dr. Nolan was overly eager to keep it quiet. And, we would like to point out, school boards are covered by the Brown Act, which forbids secrecy in local government.

Public employees

Dr. G. Otis Whitecotton, Alameda County medical director, has recommended the firing of Dr. Joel Fort, director of the Alameda County Center for Treatment and Education on Alcoholism.

The Board of Supervisors was scheduled to act on the matter last week. Dr. Fort plans an appeal. We are glad because there is a basic issue involved of importance to all union members who are public employees.

The reason given for firing Dr. Fort is that he is chairman of the Contra Costa County Speakers' Bureau for Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

In other words, he wants to fulfill his duties as a citizen and help to elect the candidates of his choice. This has nothing to do with helping alcoholics and in no way impairs his work in this field.

The County Charter says all any county employee can do as far as politics are concerned is (A) vote and (B) discuss the matter in private.

We agree with Dr. Fort, who has pointed out that this and similar laws infringe upon the political rights of some nine million American citizens who are employed by local, state and federal government bodies.

"Such laws seem to me," Dr. Fort adds, "to violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of free speech, political association and due process."

Amen!

'Sodden thought'

Our "sodden thought" for today is prompted by a statement by Mike Wallace on the television show, "Biography."

He said Mussolini's slogan was "Peace through military strength."

That's ours, too. Congress is expected to approve the biggest military budget in U.S. peacetime history this year.

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HERE'S LINEUP FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

California's AFL-CIO-COPE has estimated that candidates it endorsed won in 92 per cent of the 110 contests in which endorsements were made in the June 5 primary.

A check of state and county candidates on the ballot in Alameda County shows that COPE-endorsed candidates either won or qualified for runoffs in 93 per cent of 29 races in which there were endorsements.

The cliff-hanger, of course, was the race for state superintendent of public instruction. Dr. Ralph Richardson, COPE-endorsed candidate and president of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, finally won by 63,522 votes—about two votes per precinct.

Richardson faces a November runoff with Max Rafferty, the candidate backed by many right-wing groups.

As reported earlier, the entire COPE-endorsed administration of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown received a resounding vote of confidence in Democratic primary balloting.

ANDERSON WINS 4½ TO 1

Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson beat off what had been expected to be a strong bid for the Democratic nomination for his job by Los Angeles District Attorney William B. McKesson. Anderson won by a solid 4½ to 1 margin.

Other Democratic incumbents renominated were: Attorney General Stanley Mosk, Controller Alan Cranston and Treasurer Bert A. Betts, all endorsed by COPE.

COPE-endorsed Don Rose won the Democratic nomination for secretary of state.

In the race for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senate, COPE-endorsed State Senator Richard Richards won overwhelmingly with only token opposition.

State Propositions No. 1 (school bonds), 2 (Cal-Vet bonds) and 6 (daylight saving) were approved, but three other state propositions lost. All six had been endorsed by labor.

For the State Board of Equalization (Second District), COPE-endorsed John W. Lynch won re-nomination unopposed.

COUNTY RACES

In Alameda County, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (7th District) defeated his only Democratic opponent 4½ to 1. Congressman George P. Miller (8th District) won re-nomination unopposed.

The Ninth Congressional District nomination was won by Don Edwards of San Jose, who

defeated COPE-endorsed Francis Dunn. The district includes Southern Alameda County and part of Santa Clara County.

State Senator John W. Holmdahl defeated his only Democratic opponent by about 3 to 1.

Assemblymen Carlos Bee (13th District), Robert W. Crown (14th District), Nicholas C. Petris (15th District) and W. Byron Rumford (17th District), all COPE-endorsed, won Democratic nominations in their districts without opposition.

In the 16th District, COPE-endorsed Robert L. Hughes, Oakland attorney, defeated two Democratic opponents.

Both candidates for the Superior Court endorsed by COPE in contested races, Robert L. Bostick and George W. Phillips Jr. survived the primary but face November runoffs.

County School Superintendent Rock LaFleche, County Clerk Jack G. Blue, Treasurer-Tax Collector Edwin Meese Jr., and County Surveyor James F. Vivrette and District Attorney J. F. Coakley, all COPE-endorsed, were elected without opposition.

COPE-endorsed Undersheriff Frank I. Madigan was elected sheriff.

No endorsement was made by COPE for county assessor. Don Feragen, deputy assessor, won election to the post in the primary. One of two defeated candidates was John J. King of Machinists 1176 and Musicians 6.

In races for county supervisor, incumbent Leland Sweeney, endorsed by COPE, won by a large margin in the Third District. Because there were three candidates in the First District race, COPE-endorsed incumbent John D. Murphy faces a runoff.

Leroy V. Woods of Hayward Culinary 823, COPE-endorsed candidate in the 11-way Second District contest, ran fourth. The November runoff will be between San Leandro Vice Mayor Valance Gill, who had some primary labor support, and Robert Hanon, who ran against Congressman George P. Miller two years ago.

Berkeley School Bonds (Proposition A) squeaked through. Hayward Water Bonds (Proposition G) passed easily. Both were supported by labor.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Alameda County unionists living in Contra Costa County played active roles in the successful campaign of Charles H. Weidner, health and welfare consultant with offices in Oakland, for the Democratic nomination in the 14th Congressional District.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

HILL JR. COLLEGE SITE DEFECTS HIT

Editor, Labor Journal:

The Oakland School Board is about to spend large sums of money on a junior college site development, inaccessible to the students for whom it is intended.

The location, off Skyline boulevard in the hill area, has glaring defects both from an educational standpoint and as a prudent financial venture.

Unfortunately, the citizens haven't had a real chance to examine the major issues involved.

The board's reasons for going ahead are:

A. If the site is developed in 1962, a sum of \$123,700 in state funds will be available.

B. \$722,683 has already been spent to purchase this land at a cost of \$5,500 an acre.

Major arguments against developing the hill area site at this time are:

A. Educational.

Only those that have cars will be able to get there, since no public transportation is available. This will place a severe hardship on youths of modest means desiring junior college schooling. Even if public transportation is developed, it will be at great cost, and the site is still remote from the greatest number of students who will be attending the school.

B. Financial.

The \$1,950,000 available for site development won't be lost if the location is reconsidered and/or development postponed.

After the projected site development (almost five millions worth) we will still not have a bond issue proposed, much less approved for the buildings involved to be paced on this site. If the bond issue were beaten, we could have a five million dollar site and no school.

Since the permanent districting for this junior college is not determined as yet, cities other than Oakland might have jurisdiction over this school, and to them the site might not be acceptable. Without having the big guns of jurisdiction, we would have little say about location in spite of large prior expenditures.

It has been proposed that further evaluation be made of this problem. The land could be disposed of, probably at a profit, and a spot selected that would be accessible to public transportation, perhaps near the new city and county complex downtown. It should be developed after the necessary bond issue has been passed and after the new junior college district has been established.

Let's write or call our school board on this. It's important to act now—before they do.

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DISCRIMINATION

In Fort Wayne, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Washington, Baltimore and Atlanta, not one Negro could be found in apprentice training programs for electricians, plumbers, steamfitters or metal workers. Of the 3,500 apprentices in all trades in Newark, N.J., only two were Negroes. Of 2,680 apprentices in Chicago, where 25 per cent of the population is Negro, less than one per cent were Negro. For 28 years, Victor Daly, Negro executive with the U. S. Employment Service in Washington, D. C., tried to place Negro high school graduates as apprentices. All he can show for his efforts is one Negro apprentice with the Washington Carpenters' local.—Lester Velle in May Readers' Digest.